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SUBJECT: IRANIAN DELEGATION TO ISLAMIC CONFERENCE KUALA LUMPUR

1. ACCORDING TO GHOLAM-ALI SAYER, CHIEF OF MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, GOI DELEGATION TO FIFTH ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE AT KUALA LUMPUR JUNE 21-25 WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF STATE ZZATOLLAH YAZDANPANAHI. OTHER DELEGATES WILL BE AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND MOHSEN SADIGH-ESFANDIARI, AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA JAFAN RAED, CHIEF MFA ARABIAN PENINSUL DIVISION REZA GHASEMI, AND SAYAR. SADIGH-ESFANDIARI AND SAYAR WILL ATTEND PREPARATORY MEETING KUALA LUMPUR JUNE 18-20.

2. SAYAR EXPECTS AGENDA ITEMS TO INCLUDE QTE LIBERATION UNQTE OF JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE, SITUATION OF MUSLIM MINORITY IN PHILIPPINES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG MUSLIM COUNTRIES AND CREATION OF ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

SAYAR DOES NOT THINK ANYTHING CONCRETE WILL COME OF CONFERENCE AND DOES NOT EXPECT IT TO CREATE KIND OF STIR LAHORE MEETING DID.

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT FONMIN KHALATBARI IS GOING TO PARIS
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WITH SHAH AT TIME OF KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO

SEND LESS PRESTIGIOUS DELEGATION WITHOUT UNDUE OFFENSE TO
CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS (YAZDANPANAHI IS LOWEST-RANKING OF 26
IRANIAN CABINET OFFICERS). WE EXPECT GOI WILL PLAY ONLY MINOR
AND MODERATING ROLE AT CONFERENCE BOTH BECAUSE IT DOES NOT
WANT TO GET TOO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH MUSLIM MILITANTS AND
BECAUSE IT OPPOSES SUBSTANCE OF SOME PROPOSALS. FOR EXAMPLE,
GOI DOES NOT FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK
WHICH IT SEES AS POLITICIZED RIVAL TO ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT FUND
PROPOSAL, AND IT BELIEVES QUESTION OF MUSLIM MINORITY IN
PHILIPPINES IS INTERNAL AFFAIR AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY
CONFERENCE ONLY AS SOCIAL, NOT POLITICAL, PROBLEM.
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